

**FOIA FOLLOW-UP: Re: DETERMINATION LETTER - FOIA-2019-100 Cynthia Beard - 9-17-19**

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on behalf of  
FOIA-CEII

Tue 9/17/2019 1:03 PM

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**Cynthia Beard**

Please find be advised that the Determination letter that was provided to you today is based upon information that was available at this time. In an effort to make sure that all potential material has been identified, FERC will initiate an additional search of pertinent staff members. A supplemental response will be provided to you, as necessary. We apologize for any confusion that this may cause to you regarding this matter.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our FOIA-CEII Service Center at [foia-ceii@ferc.gov](mailto:foia-ceii@ferc.gov)/(202) 502-6088 or contact me directly at (202) 502-8389.

Sincerely,

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Cynthia Beard

Please find attached a letter from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request **FOIA-2019-100**. A copy of this letter will be mailed to you on the next business day via the U.S. Postal Service.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

SEP 17 2019

Re: FOIA No. FY19-100

**ELECTRONIC AND REGULAR MAIL**

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Dear Ms. Beard:

This is a response to your correspondence received on August 5, 2019, in which you requested information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA),<sup>1</sup> and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) FOIA regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 388.108 (2019). Specifically, you request the following:

All documents correspondence, digital files, sketches, rendering, and any other materials between the General Services Administration and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the new Houston regional office for the New LNG Division of FERC. Materials requested include Requests for Proposals (RFPs), responses and applications to the RFP's, contracts and invoices, related to materials purchased or rented for the new Houston office, and correspondence with FERC and contracts regarding office space rental requirements and specifications from July 1, 2018 – present.

A search of the Commission's non-public files identified no documents responsive to your request. As provided by FOIA, any appeal from this determination must be filed within 90 days of the date of this letter. The appeal must be in writing, addressed to James P. Danly, General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, and clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please include a copy to Charles A. Beamon, Associate General Counsel, General and Administrative Law, at the same address.

You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the FOIA Public

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552, *as amended by* the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-185, 130 Stat. 538 (2016).

Liaison of the agency or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue your appeal. You may contact OGIS by mail at Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (301) 837-1996; facsimile at (301) 837-0348; or toll-free at 1-(877) 684-6448.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leonard M. Tao". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and "T".

Leonard M. Tao  
Director  
Office of External Affairs

Freedom of Information Act Request: Planning for the FERC Houston  
Office in coordination with the GSA (Federal Energy Regulatory  
Commission)

FOIA-2019-100

Accepted: August 5, 2019

Track 1

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Due date: September 3, 2019

Sun 8/4/2019 6:28 PM

To: FOIA-CEII <FOIA-CEII@ferc.gov>;

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
FOIA Office  
888 First Street Northeast  
Washington, DC 20426

August 4, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

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The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Beard

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